

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 13-18 with:

Figures 2A-2C show the nucleotide sequence ~~(SEQ ID NO: 1)~~ (SEQ ID NO:1) of the human  $\alpha 7$  cDNA containing the V274T mutation. The threonine mutation is shown in bold and the restriction sites EcoRV and KpnI are shown underlined. Also shown is the deduced amino acid sequence ~~(SEQ ID NO: 2)~~ (SEQ ID NO:2) of the human  $\alpha 7$ V274T subunit variant derived from the cDNA. The V274T alteration is underlined.